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Farms and Land in Farms in 2006

UTAH: The number of farms in Utah in 2006 is estimated at 15,100 down 100 from 2005. Land in farms, estimated at 11.6 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average size of farm, at 768 acres, up 5 acres from 2005.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average farm size was 446 acres during 2006, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Size Farm 1995-2006 ¹

Year	Utah			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres	1,000 Farms	1,000 Acres	Acres
1995	15,000	11,400	760	2,196	962,515	438
1996	15,000	11,400	760	2,191	958,675	438
1997	15,000	11,600	773	2,191	956,010	436
1998	15,000	11,600	773	2,192	953,765	435
1999	15,500	11,600	748	2,192	947,440	432
2000	15,500	11,600	748	2,172	943,090	434
2001	15,500	11,600	757	2,149	942,070	438
2002	15,300	11,600	758	2,135	940,300	440
2003	15,300	11,600	758	2,127	938,650	441
2004	15,300	11,600	758	2,113	936,295	443
2005	15,200	11,600	763	2,099	933,210	445
2006	15,100	11,600	768	2,090	932,430	446

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

2006 Egg Production

UTAH: Egg production for the year 2006 totaled 937 million eggs, up 7 percent from 2005. Layer numbers during 2006 averaged 3.5 million, up 5 percent from the previous year. The annual average production for 2006 was 271 eggs per layer, four eggs per layer more than 2005. Total Utah chicken inventory on December 1, 2006 totaled 4.4 million, up 6 percent from December 1, 2005. The average value per head was \$1.20, compared to \$1.70 in December 1, 2005. The 2006 inventory value was \$5.3 million, down 25 percent from 2005.

UNITED STATES: Layer numbers during 2006 averaged 346 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2006 was 263 eggs, up slightly from the 2005 average of 262. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2006 totaled a record high 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2005. Table egg production, at 78.0 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from 2005. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2006 (excluding commercial broilers) was 453 million birds, down slightly from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2006 was \$1.18 billion, up 3 percent from December 1, 2005. The average value increased from \$2.52 per bird on December 1, 2005, to \$2.60 per bird on December 1, 2006.

2006 Honey Production

UTAH: Utah's honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies was 1.2 million pounds. This was 11 percent above the total production for 2005. The total number of colonies, at 23,000, remained the same as the previous year. The average yield per colony was 50 pounds compared with 45 pounds in 2005. Stocks of honey on hand December 15 totaled 265,000 pounds, 66,000 pounds less than 2005. The average price of \$1.05 per pound was up 3 cents from 2005 price. The 2006 honey crop is valued at \$1.2 million, up \$152,000 from 2005.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Production, 2006 ¹

	Utah 2005	Utah 2006	United States 2005	United States 2006
No. Colonies (000)	23	23	2,413	2,392
Yield per Colony (Lbs)	45	50	72.4	64.7
Production (000 Lbs)	1,035	1,150	174,818	154,846
Stocks (000 Lbs) ²	331	265	62,478	60,528
Avg. Price/Lb (dollars) ³	1.02	1.05	.918	1.042
Value Production (\$1,000)	1,056	1,208	160,428	161,314

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers December 15, 2006 ³ Prices weighted by sales.

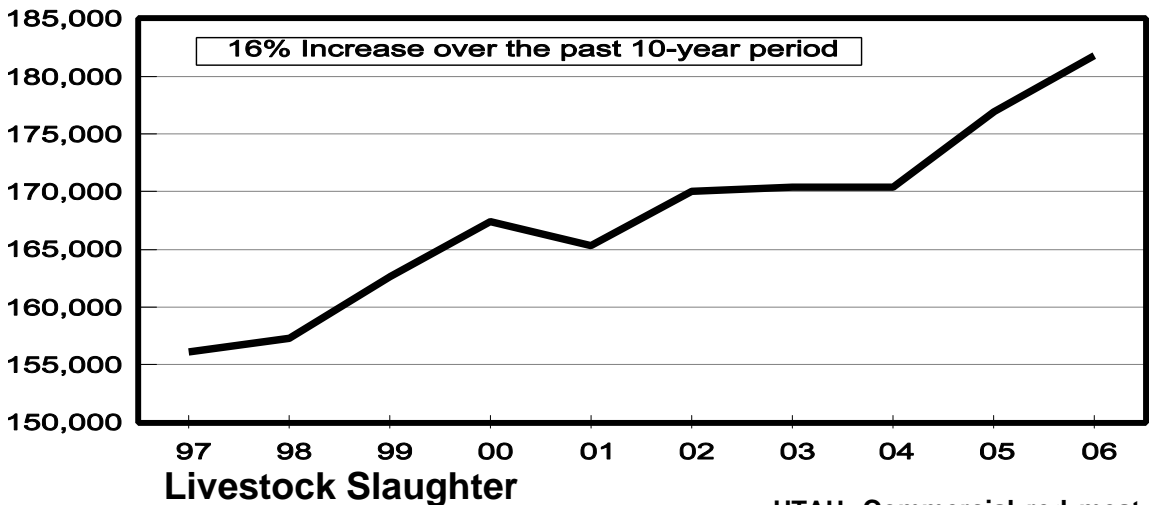
2006 Milk Production

UTAH: A total of 1.7 billion pounds of milk was produced during 2006, a increase of 5.1 percent from 2005. Production per cow was 20,291 pounds compared with 18,875 pounds in 2005. The annual average number of milk cows on farms during 2006 was 86,000 head, down 2.3 percent from the previous year. There were 560 operations with milk cows in 2006 compared with 580 in 2005.

UNITED STATES: The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2006 was 182 billion pounds, 2.8 percent above 2005. Revisions to 2005 production decreased the annual total 60 million pounds. Revised 2006 production was down slightly from last month's publication. Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 19,951 pounds for 2006, 386 pounds above 2005. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 18.3 percent from 1997. The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2006 was 9.11 million head, up 0.8 percent from 2005. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2005, and down 3,000 head for 2006.

Milk Production, 1997-2006
United States

Million Pounds



Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 34.5

million pounds in January 2007, down 14 percent from January of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for January 2007 totaled 43.4 head, 16 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,285 pounds, down 22 pounds from January 2006. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4.900 head up 48 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 187 pounds, down 48 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during January 2007 totaled 2,900 head, up 7 percent from the previous year. Average live weight, at 138 pounds, was down 4 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in January 2006. **Beef production**, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.80 million head, up 6 percent from January 2006. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 14.3 million pounds, 21 percent above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,300 head, 34 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 324 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 4 percent above from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.37 million head, 5 percent above January 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was 7 percent below January 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,700 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from January a year ago.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter, January 2006-2007 ¹				
Item	Utah		United States	
	January		January	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	40.2	34.5	3,898.5	4,092.3
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	51.4	43.4	2,641.7	2,798.5
Calves	1	1	55.5	74.3
Hogs	3.3	4.9	8,915.1	9,365.5
Sheep & Lamb	2.7	2.9	224.5	216.7
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,307	1,285	1,285	1,290
Calves	1	1	355	324
Hogs	235	187	273	271
Sheep & Lamb	142	138	144	139

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

UTAH: The total value of trout sales (excluding value of eggs) for 2006 was \$318,000 down 41 percent from 2005. The total number of operations selling and/or distributing fish and/or eggs in 2006 was 26 operations, five more than 2005.

UNITED STATES: The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 74.9 million dollars for 2006, an increase of 8 percent from 2005. Idaho accounted for 55 percent of the total value of fish sold. The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2006 totaled 49.2 million fish, down 11 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.10, up 5 cents from 2005. The value of sales for the 2006 marketing year was 67.7 million dollars, up 8 percent from 2005. Based on the dollar value, 71 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2006 totaled 5.52 million fish, an increase of 15 percent from 2005. The average price per pound was \$2.59 during 2006, down 24 cents from the 2005 price. The total value of sales was 5.65 million dollars during 2006, a 9 percent increase from the previous year.

Trout: Number of Operations, January 1, 2005-2006; Value of Fish Sold, 2005-2006 by State and United States				
State	Total Operations		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	Number	Number	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
AR	4	5	*	*
CA	33	35	6,077	5,573
CO	27	34	1,480	2,299
CT	6	6	411	340
GA	14	15	844	630
ID	42	43	35,387	41,434
ME	16	16	284	235
MA	15	16	424	424
MI	20	23	793	783
MO	15	14	2,649	2,345
NY	36	34	507	540
NC	49	47	6,590	7,232
OR	48	42	803	331
PA	57	51	4,807	4,790
TN	14	14	291	291
UT	21	26	540	318
VA	20	24	1,256	1,475
WA	69	65	4,124	4,007
WV	26	28	348	235
WI	70	66	1,573	1,573
US ²	602	604	69,188	74,855

¹ Revised. ² Excludes value of eggs. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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Agricultural Prices

Utah: Mid-February 2007 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was \$107.00 per ton, up \$2.00 from last month, and \$7.00 higher than last year. Other hay, at \$81.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from January 2007, and was \$4.00 lower than February 2006. Barley was \$3.70 per bushel for the month of February 2007, up 5 cents from the previous month.

United States The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, broilers, soybeans, and hogs. Lower prices were received for broccoli, lettuce, eggs, and oranges. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (12 percent) from February 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 127, increased 3 points (2.4 percent) from last month and increased 11 points (9.5 percent) from February 2006.

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹												
Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay,		Other Hay,		Barley		Alfalfa Hay,		Other Hay,	
			Baled		Baled				Baled		Baled	
Month	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	(2)	3.65	95.00	105.00	80.00	79.00	2.42	3.03	96.40	115.00	84.30	102.00
February	2.11	3.70	100.00	107.00	85.00	81.00	2.57	3.10	99.20	117.00	83.20	105.00
March	2.17		96.00		85.00		2.71		100.00		86.60	
April	2.29		106.00		90.00		2.67		110.00		93.20	
May	2.20		98.00		77.00		2.96		118.00		96.80	
June	(2)		99.00		87.00		2.78		115.00		90.10	
July	2.36		104.00		80.00		2.70		113.00		89.30	
August	2.39		105.00		81.00		2.70		110.00		91.50	
September	2.58		95.00		71.00		2.56		112.00		93.00	
October	2.95		99.00		71.00		2.76		112.00		93.80	
November	2.72		99.00		75.00		2.92		109.00		98.10	
December	3.40		105.00		79.00		2.95		112.00		99.30	

¹ February 2007 is mid-month price. ² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Trout Sales